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In re New Patent Application:

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For: Block copolymers based on poly(ortho esters) containing amine groups

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant directs the attention of the Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 substitute, that may be relevant to the examination of this application.

This application is a divisional of Application No. 10/295,766, filed November 14, 2002, which is in turn a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/991,537, filed November 16, 2001 (now Patent No. 6,524,606, issued February 25, 2003), both of which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. The documents listed were cited in the prosecution of the prior applications. Accordingly, copies of the documents are not supplied. 37 CFR 1.98(d).

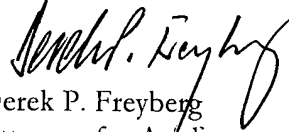
Enclosed in the second IDS for Application No. 10/295,766 was a copy of an International Search Report issued on the corresponding International Application No. PCT/US02/36775 (now published as WO 03/044076). The International Application claims the priority of US Application No. 09/991,537, filed November 16, 2001 (now US Patent No. 6,524,606, issued February 25, 2003), of which Application No. 10/295,766 is a continuation-in-part; and contains claims to the poly(ortho esters) themselves, which issued in US Patent No. 6,524,606, and to block copolymers based on those poly(ortho esters), which are found in this application.

International Publication No. WO 99/62983 was cited in that ISR but not enclosed in an IDS — it was enclosed as its US patent family member, US Patent No. 5,939,453 [patent family members are taken from the list in the ISR].

International Publication No. WO 97/25366 was cited in that ISR but not enclosed in an IDS — it was enclosed as its US patent family member, US Patent No. 5,968,543.

The Examiner is requested to initial and return a copy of the form with the next communication on this application.

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